



STINGER SPORTS

CONCORDIA'S TIP-OFF BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT UNDERWAY THIS WEEKEND

Local basketball fans will be treated to some outstanding basketball action when the Bob Lunny Tournament gets underway this weekend at the Concordia Athletics Complex. The four-team tourney gets underway Friday, November 30th when the University of Toronto Blues square off against the McGill Redmen at 7 p.m., followed by the Concordia Stingers/Carleton Ravens contest at 9 p.m.. The tournament championship game will be played on Saturday, December 1st at 3 p.m., preceded by the Consolation game at 1 p.m..

Head Coach Brian Heaney leads a young, talented team, the Toronto Blues. They are in the thick of battle for the top spot in the Ontario East Conference. Roger Rollicks, a 6'8 swing man who can dominate a game inside or outside will lead the Blues in their title pursuit. Other contributors to the Toronto attack will include 6'10 Ronald Davidson and guard Ian Hill, who formerly played for the Redmen.

McGill has a new coach in Ken Schildroth and eight returnees from last year's Quebec champions. Forwards Simon Onabowale, Owen Officer and Ian Dakers provide coach Schildroth with plenty of scoring from the inside. Champlain College's Mike Cohee joins veterans Claude Briere, Bernie Rosanelli and U.Q.T.R transfer François Dion in providing the Redmen with a solid backcourt.

Friday's finale will provide Doug Daigneault's Stingers with an opportunity to avenge their only loss to a Canadian University this year. The Ravens downed Concordia 84-69 in Ottawa earlier this season, as five different Ravens hit for double figures.

The Stingers are paced by the dynamic duo of Biagio Carrese and Craig Norman. Carrese is averaging 21.4 points and 6.9 rebounds while Norman has contributed 23.2 points and 4.7 rebounds. Veteran Eddie Muha and Steve Mau have provided the inside scoring and rebounding while freshman guards Parnell Joseph and Bob Verreli have capably assumed the ballhandling duties.

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